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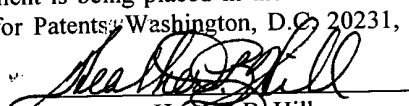
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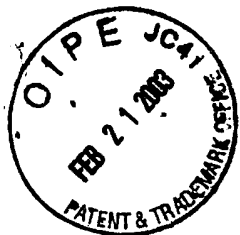
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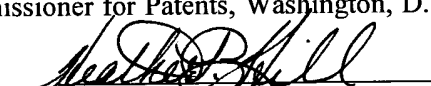
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AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action (Paper No. 22) mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 13, 2002. A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time and appropriate fee are submitted concurrently herewith.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 4, 5, 6, 12-22, 29, 31, 34, 35, 44, 45, 47, 49, 52, 55, 56, 58, 61, 64, and 70.

Please amend claims as follows. A marked-up version of the amended claims is attached with the additions indicated with underlining and the deletions indicated in brackets.

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1. (Four times Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule selected from the group consisting of: